

Vickers, Inc. Facility

Omaha, Nebraska**September 2001**

Upcoming Public Meeting Open to the Omaha Community

EPA will hold an informal public meeting Wednesday, October 3, 2001, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Benson Branch Library, 2918 N. 60th St., Omaha, Nebraska.

Representatives from EPA, NDEQ, and Vickers will be available to answer questions one-on-one about the various cleanup options, ground water sampling results, and next steps.

The public is invited to attend at its convenience between 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 has proposed a cleanup remedy for ground water and soil contamination at the Vickers, Inc. (Vickers) facility in Omaha, Nebraska.

The proposed cleanup remedy includes:

- Continued monitoring of ground water to track potential migration or concentrations of current contaminants.
- Restricting access to and/or uses for the facility.
- Restricting the mobility of the contaminants through engineered controls.
- Extracting contamination from soil and ground water at the facility.
- Using technologies to reduce the toxicity, mobility, and/or volume of contaminants.
- Discharging extracted and treated ground water and soil in a controlled manner.

The public can learn more about the various cleanup options at an upcoming informal public meeting. The meeting will be held Wednesday, October 3, 2001, at the Benson Branch Library, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Representatives from EPA, the Nebraska Department and Environmental Quality (NDEQ), and Vickers will be available to answer questions about the proposed cleanup remedy and recent ground water and soil vapor sampling results. Once a final cleanup remedy has been selected, an official public comment period will be held.

What Happened?

Vickers manufactured hydraulic motors and pumps. Manufacturing processes included metal fabrications, milling, finishing, and associated metal cleaning and degreasing operations.

Originally, the facility constructed and operated a liquid waste collection system, which consisted

of underground piping and underground storage tanks (USTs). The liquid waste collection system's operations included: piping from manufacturing areas to a concrete junction tank (UST 5); transporting liquid wastes from the north portion of the manufacturing area through a concrete settling tank (UST 6) to the concrete junction tank; collecting liquid wastes in four concrete waste collection tanks (USTs 1, 2, 3, and 4) prior to transporting wastes off-site for recycling, reuses, and disposal.

Results of sludge, soil, and ground water sampling at the former liquid waste collection system indicated the presence of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in soil and ground water. The contaminants are trichloroethene (TCE), 1,1,1-trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA), and 1,1-dichloroethene (1,1-DCE). Closure activities for the liquid waste collection system occurred in December 1992 and January 1993. The six USTs of the liquid waste collection system were emptied, cleaned, and filled with concrete slurry. Investigation and cleanup activities started, including short-term cleanup actions to address the three contaminants affecting ground water and soil. The operation of a soil vapor and ground water extraction and treatment system began in 1996 and continues to operate.

Vickers is located at 6600 N. 72nd Street, approximately two miles south of Interstate 680 at the northwest corner of the intersection of 72nd Street and Crown Point Avenue. The land use near the facility is primarily commercial, except for residential to the west and agricultural to the north. The facility consist of 95 acres of land and has been closed since last year.

What are the next steps?

The next steps include: holding an official public comment period and providing a public notice on the final proposed cleanup remedy, selecting a final cleanup remedy, and implementing the final cleanup remedy.

For More Information

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